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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices in New York and Chicago were unchanged. In most other locations, prices were lower on the larger sizes but higher on mediums. The market tone was about steady to steady with mediums in the strongest position. Demand ranged light to occasionally good, best where features stimulated additional movement. Supplies were sufficient to available for trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings were about adequate for the fair to moderate demand. Light type hens were fully adequate for current slaughter schedules.

NORTH ATLANTIC In Philadelphia, prices on larger sizes declined 2.5 cents, however mediums increase 1 cent when compared to last week's values. In Boston larger sizes decreased 1 cent and mediums were unchanged. Prices in New England were unchanged. The market tone was irregular, although usually barely steady to steady. Demand was moderate. Supplies were fully adequate for needs. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient for the light to moderate demand. Light type fowl were fully sufficient for the slow demand. Slaughter schedules were reduced due to the holiday.

MIDWEST Prices in Detroit and major Ohio and Wisconsin cities were down 1 cent for large and up 3 cents for medium. Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin were unchanged. The trade sentiment was about steady. Retail demand was light to moderate with some post holiday fill-in moving some extra product. Food service movement was moderate. Supplies were adequate to available for current needs with mediums still being reported as at times close. Central states breaking stock mostly values were lower with checks and undergrades unchanged. Offerings were light to moderate with demand fair at best. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment was about steady to barely steady.

CHICAGO Prices for all sizes unchanged. The market tone was steady. Retail and food service demand light to moderate, best where features are planned or in progress. Supplies adequate.

SOUTHERN In Atlanta and Florida, prices were lower on the larger sizes but higher on mediums. The market tone ranged about steady to steady entering the post holiday week. Retail and distributive demand continued moderate. Supplies were sufficient to available with mediums in the shortest position. The average price on Grade A or better white cartoned large eggs delivered to volume buyers in the Southern region for the week ending August 30, 2002 was 59.86 cents, which was 5.51 cents less than a week earlier and 0.38 cents less than last year. Breaking stock offerings were adequate for the light to moderate demand. Light type hens were fully adequate for the slow demand.

WESTERN Prices 2 cents lower on jumbo and extra large, 1-2 cents lower on large, and 2-4 cents higher on medium. The Pacific region inventory was 3% higher than last week with California up 1% and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 7%. Retailer demand moderate overall, good where features planned. Offerings easily adequate.

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged on all sizes. The market tone was about steady to steady. Demand was moderate to occasionally good with feature activity aiding movement. Supplies were adequate for current needs.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	EXTRA		
NORTHEAST CITIES	LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
Boston (Brown)	97-99	88-90	54-56
New York	62-66	60-64	38-42
Philadelphia	60-64.5	59-62.5	37-40
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	52-59	50-53	29-32
Jackson (1)	68-70	62-64	35-37
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	63-74	58-68	39-49
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	51-55	49-53	30-34
Detroit (2)	47-52	46-50	30-34
Major Ohio Cities (2)	49-53	48-51	28-32
Major Wisconsin Cities	50-57	49-55	30-35
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	70-73	67-69	48-50
California (Grade AA)(1)(3)	93	83	64
(1) - Prices reported weekly			
(2) - Delivered Warehouse			
(3) - Reported Invoice prices			

CALIFORNIA Prices 2 cents lower on jumbo and extra large, 1 cent lower on large, and 4 cents higher on medium and small. The California inventory was 1% higher than last week. Retailer demand mainly moderate. Offerings easily adequate. Small benchmark price 44. Ads in Northern California: major-large dozen buy 1 get 1 free.

California Egg Marketing Association and other marketers benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

PRICES INVOICE, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	
JUMBO	111	
EXTRA LARGE	93	
LARGE	83	
MEDIUM	64	
PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.		
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	RANGE	
JUMBO	239-319	
EXTRA LARGE	229-279	
LARGE	199-219	
MEDIUM	179-199	
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	RANGE	
JUMBO	235-289	
EXTRA LARGE	215-249	
LARGE	195-229	
MEDIUM	175-199	

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending September 06, 2002 will increase by 23 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending August 30, 2002 were 233,119 cases which was 10 percent below the prior week and 5 percent below estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	196,104	37,015	233,119
% change from the prior week.....	-10	-11	-10

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 17 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Breaking stock mostly values were lower with checks and undergrades unchanged. Offerings were light to moderate with demand fair at best. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment about steady to barely steady. PRICES PAID TO 11:00 AM, MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	29-31	29-30
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	15-20	

CENTRAL STATES AREA:

AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading levels were generally unchanged from the past week. Demand was light to moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 02-SEP-02

	RANGE CENTS/LB.	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6-11.5	8-9.25	9.17

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair for the mostly adequate to fully adequate offerings. Processing schedules were reported as less than normal for the holiday week. Finished product supplies cleared easily and were about adequate to adequate for full trade needs. The undertone was generally steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)

*FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 02-SEP-02.

	RANGE CENTS/LB.	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-10.5	8-9	8.70
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING		TOO FEW TO REPORT	
FOB PLANT		TOO FEW TO REPORT	

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM Sept. 02, 2002

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area		
		CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific		
Jumbo	Curr Wk	5.9	16.6	6.4	13.0	10.1	52.0
	Change	0.7	-0.3	1.0	0.3	-0.1	3%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	27.1	55.0	14.6	23.8	32.2	152.7
	Change	1.4	-10.8	0.9	-1.4	-5.1	-9%
Large	Curr Wk	43.4	125.8	81.0	85.5	112.7	448.4
	Change	-11.0	-7.4	12.3	14.8	-1.8	2%
Medium	Curr Wk	12.8	33.8	15.9	28.6	27.0	118.1
	Change	-4.3	2.2	0.5	-1.2	4.1	1%
Small	Curr Wk	8.5	13.0	3.8	7.8	10.0	43.1
	Change	-2.6	-1.2	0.7	-1.9	1.1	-8%
Misc	Curr Wk	3.4	25.2	8.3	14.5	6.6	58.0
	Change	-0.5	-2.0	-1.7	-2.2	0.4	-9%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	20.2	55.5	24.3	33.2	35.5	168.7
	Change	2.2	-7.4	4.2	1.6	8.8	6%
Total	Curr Wk	121.3	324.9	154.3	206.4	234.1	1,041.0
Percent	Change	-10%	-8%	13%	5%	3%	-1%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	1,041.0	-1%	174
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	286.1	1%	38
Total Shell Egg	1,327.1	0%	212

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 174 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks.

Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

The five inventory areas are identified as:

Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT

North Central- IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI

South Central- AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX

South Atlantic- AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV

Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

CANADIAN EGGS MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN CENTS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 19, 2001

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	182.4	179.4	170.4	114.6

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING AUGUST 19, 2001 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	141	141	131	77

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES— DAILY WTD AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR AUGUST 29, 2002

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS								TOTAL LOADS							
36.00								14.00								50.00							
SE				NE				MW				SC				NW				SW			
CLASS	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	LOADS				
GNR W 1	—	—	35.50	37.00	32.00	34.00	3.00	GL W XL	—	43.00	—	—	—	43.53	6.75								
GL W XL	—	—	—	49.00	36.37	—	8.75	GL W LG	—	41.00	—	—	—	43.76	7.25								
GL W LG	—	—	—	—	33.86	36.00	8.25	GL W MD	—	—	—	—	—	33.00	1.00								
GL W MD	—	—	22.25	24.00	24.00	—	3.00																
GL W SM	18.00	—	—	—	—	—	2.00																
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	31.00	25.00																

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES— WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 08/26/02-08/30/02

WATER FLOW LOSS CLASS

WEEKLY (G DRY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL AVERAGE FOR 03/20/02 03/30/02

CURRENT LOADS		114.50		FUTURE LOADS		70.75		TOTAL LOADS		185.25					
SE			NE		MW			SC			NW		MW		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	34.00	37.33	36.50	37.40	32.00	35.33	15.00	GNR BR 1	44.00	—	—	—	—	—	1.00
GNR W 2	—	33.00	—	—	29.25	31.25	2.00	GL W J	—	64.00	—	—	—	58.00	2.00
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	—	24.83	3.00	GL W XL	38.33	46.08	—	—	—	45.89	35.25
GNR W 4	—	—	11.00	13.00	—	—	1.00	GL W LG	40.00	42.71	—	—	—	43.21	26.00
GL W J	—	—	—	—	52.25	—	2.00	GL W MD	24.03	27.79	—	—	—	30.64	13.25
GL W XL	44.50	48.67	46.50	48.25	37.22	—	68.75	NRBS - 42	20.00	—	—	—	—	—	1.00
GL W LG	—	—	—	46.55	32.78	39.38	36.25	NRBS - 36	17.00	19.00	—	—	—	—	1.00
GL W MD	—	24.00	23.02	23.25	23.00	24.53	23.00								
GL W SM	19.81	24.50	17.33	18.83	—	—	5.50								
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	30.00	27.50	31.17	52.50								
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	31.00	—	—	1.00								
NRBS - 42	19.00	20.00	—	—	19.44	21.55	8.00								
NRBS - 39	9.00	10.00	16.33	18.17	—	19.90	20.75								

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

NUMBER OF CASES OF EGGS SHIPPED TO CALIFORNIA 08/18/02 - 08/24/02

State	Number Cases Shipped To Northern CA	Number Cases Shipped To Central CA	Number Cases Shipped To Southern CA	Total State
Arizona	0	0	1,608	1,608
Colorado	1,540	0	5,440	6,980
Idaho	0	0	950	950
Iowa	4,222	2,410	35,083	41,715
Michigan	0	0	1,800	1,800
Minnesota	1,560	2,460	13,598	17,618
Missouri	0	0	2,290	2,290
New Hampshire	0	0	850	850
Ohio	0	0	4,022	4,022
Oregon	2,352	15	0	2,367
Texas	0	780	615	1,395
Utah	3,120	0	9,783	12,903
Wisconsin	0	0	1,560	1,560
TOTAL	12,794	5,665	77,599	96,058

NEW ENGLAND

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, BROWN EGGS LOOSE, AT FARM, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
117-120	78-81	69-72	35-38	19-22

HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS

Receipts from the mainland: 8/18/02-8/24/02

30-dozen cases 7,106

Receipts from the mainland: 8/11/02-8/17/02

30-dozen cases 7,479

DETROIT EGGS

PRICES TO FIRST RECEIVERS, CASES INCLUDED, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, 30 DOZEN CASES, WHITE EGGS LOOSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
53-63	47-50	44-49	27-31	22-26

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
76.96	70.96	48.57	44.27

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
30-33	12-16	5-8

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	08/26/02	08/19/02	08/27/01
PACIFIC COAST	453	430	227
LOS ANGELES	385	361	0

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